



Without Child: Challenging the Stigma of Childlessness (Paperback)

By Laurie Lisle

Argo-Navis US, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Without Child challenges the stigma of childlessness by offering childless women the lifeaffirming story of themselves. Beginning with the difficult inner journey a woman faces before finally deciding or realizing she will not bear children, Without Child explores the myth of the childless woman s rejection of the maternal instinct. It also examines the childless woman s relationship to mothers and mothering, to her femininity, to men, to achievement, to her body, and to old age. Laurie Lisle contends that childless women are part of an ancient and respectable cultural tradition that includes biblical matriarchs, celibate saints, and nineteenth-century social reformers. However, like other aspects of women s history, this tradition has been forgotten and, in the process, maligned. Without Child bring childless women out of obscurity and places them back in women s history. Without Child brings scope and depth to a subject that has long been misunderstood. Weaving rich materials from history, literature, religion, and sociology with the author s own and other stories, this groundbreaking book does what no other has done before-presents childlessnessin a multifaceted and positive...



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